

Amendments to the Drawings:

Fig. 8 has been amended to be labeled as "Prior Art" as required by the Examiner.

Attachment: Annotated Sheet Showing Changes
 Replacement Sheet

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 2, lines 13-15 as follows:

In a preferable embodiment, the plate-like portions are utilized to engage the connecting terminal with a locking lance. Then, the connecting terminal can be effectively prevented from being moved forwardly in a ~~temporally~~ temporarily engaged condition.

Please amend the paragraph at page 2, lines 23-25 as follows:

Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view illustrating a condition in which a rear holder is coupled with a housing in a ~~temporally~~ temporarily engaged position.

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Fig. 6 is a cross sectional view depicting the ~~temporarily~~ temporarily engaged condition in which the connecting terminal is inserted into the housing.

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, line 24 to page 5, line 3 as follows:

Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view illustrating a ~~temporarily~~ temporarily engaged condition in which a rear holder 32 is inserted halfway into a housing 31 from a rear end. The rear holder 32 is locked within the housing 31 at the ~~temporarily~~ temporarily engaged position by means of a ~~temporarily~~ temporary engaging mechanism ~~not shown~~ (not shown). Within the housing 31 there are formed holes 33 for accommodating the connecting terminals 11 in two columns each including a plurality of accommodating holes 33. At a front end of each of the connecting terminal accommodating holes 33, there is formed an opening 34 through which a cooperating male type connecting terminal is inserted.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 12-22 as follows:

In the ~~temporally~~ temporarily engaged condition, when the connecting terminal 11 is inserted into the rear holder 32 from the rear side, the connecting terminal 11 pushes the locking lance 35 upward as depicted in an upper column in Fig. 6. After the connecting terminal 11 has passed through the locking lance 35, the locking lance 35 is returned into the initial position and the claw portion 35a of the locking lance 35 is engaged with the rear end of the connecting portion 12 of the connecting terminal 11. At the same time, the locking strips 14 of the connecting terminal 11 are engaged with the locking recesses 35b of the locking lance 35.